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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

1. This Office communication is in response to the replacement response and amendments filed on November 17, 2003.

2. However, the abovementioned reply submitted by the applicant is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the claims are not in strict compliance with the revised version of 37 CFR 1.121(c) effective July 30, 2003. In particular, the listing of the claims filed with the reply is not in proper form, as follows: the text of all withdrawn claims (i.e., claims 6 through 10, 13, and 14) **MUST** be presented in the claim listing; the current status of cancelled claim 15 is incorrectly stated as being "unchanged"; the text of a cancelled claim (i.e., claim 15) must be indicated by **ONLY** the claim number and status, **WITHOUT** presenting the text of the claim; and, the text of *new* claims (i.e., claim 16) must **NOT** contain brackets or other markings indicating changes to the claim. The above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925.

While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Ciric may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.

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